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# News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In March, 2001, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued **twelve (12) recalls relating to products affecting children.** Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product. If you double click on the hyperlink under the recall description it will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice.

If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128** and then press **"zero" (0)** to speak with **Product Safety.** You should leave your name, your organization's name and a phone number.

Following is a listing of the twelve "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number:

- ❖ EMSCO Inc. is recalling Children's Brooms. #01-096c
- ❖ Lakeshore Learning Materials is recalling Educational Games. #01-096b
- ❖ Eden LLC is recalling Toy Drums. #01-096a
- ❖ McDonald's is recalling "Scooter Bug" Happy Meal Toys. #01-099
- ❖ Burger King & Alcone are recalling Kid's Meal Toys. #01-100
- ❖ Pacific Cycle LLC is recalling Water Bottles. #01-103
- ❖ Radica USA Ltd. is recalling Baseball Video Games to replace Bats. #01-104
- ❖ Meijer Inc. is recalling Children's Wands. #01-109b
- ❖ Eight Firms are recalling Zapper Toys. #01-110
- ❖ Gymboree is recalling Children's Fleece Pants. #01-113
- ❖ Fisher-Price is recalling Infant & Toddler Toys for repair. #01-115
- ❖ Cosco Inc. & Safety 1<sup>st</sup> are recalling Bungee Baby Jumpers & Wipe Warmers. #01-117

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

## "KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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**Release Number:** 01-096c EMSCO Inc., of Girard, Pa., is voluntarily recalling about 2,200 children's toy brooms. The Ti-dee Helper brooms are about 37 inches long with a wood handle painted yellow and natural straw bristles. A silver label on the handle reads, "MADE IN MEXICO." The plastic packaging that covered the broom bristles reads, "Ti-dee Helper™ child's broom," and contains the model number "6089." Toy, discount and grocery stores sold these brooms from April 2000 through February 2001 for about \$9.

**Problem:** The paint on the handles of these brooms contain high lead levels. CPSC standards ban toys and other children's products containing high levels of lead. Young children could ingest lead from the broom handles, presenting a lead poisoning hazard.

**What to do:** Consumers should take these brooms away from children immediately, and return the brooms to the store where purchased for a refund. For more information, call EMSCO Inc. at (800) 458-0839 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit their web site at [www.emscogroup.com](http://www.emscogroup.com).

- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml01/01096c.html>

**Release Number:** 01-096b Lakeshore Learning Materials, of Carson, Calif., is recalling 13,000 children's educational games. The Concept Classification Activity Kits were sold to teachers and schools nationwide between January 1992 and January 2001 for \$50. Each game has various disks that say, "Hot," "Cold," "Light," "Heavy," etc. Children then match the appropriate game piece to the disk that best describes the characteristics of the object. One of the objects is a silver-covered metal weight, shaped like a disc measuring about 1 1/4 inches in diameter with a small loop at the top. Imprinted on one side of the disc is the partial face of a bird and the number "4"; and on the other side, it states, "4 Woody Gardena." The Opposites Take-Home Pack, a transparent backpack with blue trimming, was sold to teachers and schools nationwide between January 1999 and January 2001 for \$10. Games

inside the pack include opposite picture cards, crayons, paperback book, and various objects. One of the objects is a silver-covered metal weight, shaped like a disc measuring about 1 1/4 inches in diameter with a small loop at the top. Imprinted on one side of the disc is the partial face of a bird and the number "4"; and on the other side, it states, "4 Woody Gardena."

**Problem:** Metal weights found in the games contain lead, which presents a lead poisoning hazard to children. Lead poisoning in children is associated with behavioral problems, learning disabilities, hearing problems and growth retardation.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately remove and discard the metal discs. To receive a lead-free replacement piece, call Lakeshore Learning Materials toll-free at (800) 421-5354 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.

- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml01/01096b.html>

**Release Number:** 01-096a Eden LLC, of New York, N.Y., is voluntarily recalling about 5,800 toy drums. Department, specialty, gift and toy stores, including FAO Schwarz, sold the toys nationwide from May 2000 through February 2001 for about \$12 when sold alone to \$45 when sold as part of a set. The toy drum is shaped like a soft stuffed green crab with multi-colored stuffed feet and blue stuffed claws. The crab's center is a yellow plastic with green spots. The toy drums, sold under the name "Little Lessons Music Makers," have labels on the front and near the right leg that say "Eden."

**Problem:** The mallet sold with the toy drum has spheres on each end that can pose a choking hazard if they become lodged in a young child's throat.

**What to do:** Consumers should take the drums away from children immediately and call Eden toll-free at (800) 658-8373 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, for instructions on returning the toy and receiving a replacement.

- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtm01/01096a.html>

**Release Number:** 01-099 McDonald's Corp., Oakbrook, Ill., is voluntarily recalling about 234,000 "Scooter Bug" toys. The toys were distributed with McDonald's Happy Meals for children under 3 years of age. The Scooter Bug toy is about 3 inches long and 2 1/2 inch wide. When rolled across the floor, the bug's legs move back and forth. The bug has a yellow face with red antennas, orange feet and a purple body with green spots. The words "Fisher Price" are on the top of the toy. The words "MFG.FOR MCD CORP.CHINA" are on the rear of the toy. McDonald's restaurants in the U.S. and Canada distributed the toys with Happy Meals from November 2000 through February 2001.

**Problem:** The bug's antenna can break off, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Parents should take the toy away from children immediately and return the toy to any McDonald's restaurant for a replacement toy. For more information, consumers should visit McDonald's web site at [www.mcdonalds.com](http://www.mcdonalds.com). Questions about this recall should be directed to CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772.

- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtm01/01099.html>

**Release Number:** 01-100 Burger King Corp., of Miami, Fla., and Alcone Marketing Group, of Irvine, Calif., are recalling about 400,000 "Rattling, Paddling Riverboat" toddler toys because of a potential choking hazard to young children. The toys were distributed in Burger King Kid's Meals. Alcone Marketing Group imported the toys for Burger King. The "Rattling, Paddling Riverboat" toys are red plastic boats about 2 to 3 inches in diameter. The captain figure squeaks when it is pushed down. When the boat is moved across the floor, beads in the boat's paddle wheel make a rattle sound. The following words are imprinted on the bottom of the boat, "Sassy, MFG FOR BURGER KING CORP, MADE IN CHINA." The packaging says "Toddler Toys For Kids Under Three Years Old." Burger King restaurants nationwide distributed the riverboat toys inside Kid's Meals in January and February 2001.

**Problem:** Metal pins with plastic caps that attach the paddle wheel to the riverboat toy can come out and pose a choking hazard.

**What to do:** Parents should immediately take the toy away from children and call (800) 661-9173 for instructions on returning the toy for a free, replacement toy. Information also is available at Burger King's website at [www.burgerking.com](http://www.burgerking.com).

- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtm01/01100.html>

**Release Number:** 01-103 Pacific Cycle LLC, of McFarland, Wis., is voluntarily recalling about 42,000 water bottles included in the handle bags of girls Mongoose Heart Breaker bicycles. The recalled water bottles are 12 oz. translucent blue bottles with a white cap and a silver decal that bears the "Heart Breaker" logo. The water bottles are an accessory to Mongoose Heart Breaker Bicycles. The Mongoose Heart Breaker is a 16-inch blue girls' bicycle, which has logos on the frame that say, "Mongoose" and "Heart Breaker." The bicycles with the water bottle were sold at Wal-Mart stores nationwide and on the Wal-Mart website from July 2000 through January 2001 for about \$60. This recall does not include water bottles included with Roadmaster Heart Breaker bicycles.

**Problem:** The drinking valve on the cap can detach, presenting a potential choking hazard.

**What to do:** Consumers should take the bottles away from children immediately and discard them. To receive a replacement water bottle, call Pacific Cycle toll-free at (800) 626-2811 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the Pacific Cycle website at

[www.mongoose.com](http://www.mongoose.com).

- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtm01/01103.html>

**Release Number:** 01-104 Radica USA Ltd., of Dallas, Texas, is voluntarily recalling about 140,000 baseball video games to replace the bats.

Play TV Baseball is a video game that plugs directly into a television set, and simulates hitting a baseball. It contains an electronic home plate, ball and plastic bat. The user faces the television standing above the electronic home plate, which emits an infrared beam. When a simulated pitch is

made on the television screen, the user swings the bat to hit the simulated ball. Electronics in the bat communicate the swing action to the home plate, and the results appear on the television screen. Writing on the home base of the game includes "RADICA:" and PLAY TV Baseball." Writing on the black bat includes "RADICA:" and "MADE IN CHINA." Major retail stores nationwide sold this video game from June 2000 through January 2001 for about \$50.

**Problem:** The bats can separate during a swing. Broken pieces can hit a bystander and cause injury.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately stop using the bat that was included with the game, and return the bat to the firm to receive a free replacement and postage costs. Consumers can send the bat, along with their name and address, to: Radica USA Ltd., 13628-A Beta Road, Dallas, TX 75244-4510. For more information, call Radica USA Ltd. at (800) 803-9611 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or go to the firm's web site at [www.radicagames.com](http://www.radicagames.com).

- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtm01/01104.html>

**Release Number:** 01-109b Meijer Inc., of Grand Rapids, Mich., is voluntarily recalling about 5,000 "All That Glitters" light and glitter wands. The "All That Glitters" light and glitter wand is about 9-inches long, and has a gold-colored handle with a clear plastic ball on top filled with a pink liquid and glitter. Pushing on the bottom of the wand illuminates the ball. The wand operates with two AA-batteries. A plastic label on the side of the wand reads, "AA x2." Meijer stores in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio sold these wands from January 2000 through January 2001 for between \$2 and \$4.

**Problem:** The batteries can short-circuit, causing the wands' handles to become very hot and melt the plastic, posing a risk of burn injuries to children.

**What to do:** Consumers should take these wands away from children immediately, and return them to the store where purchased for a refund. For more information, contact Meijer Inc. at (800) 543-3704 anytime from the Midwest. From outside the Midwest, call collect at (616) 453-6711 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. Consumers also can visit the firm's web site at [www.meijer.com/qa/](http://www.meijer.com/qa/).

- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtm01/01109b.html>

**Release Number:** 01-110 Eight firms are voluntarily recalling about 835,000 Zapper toys. The following firms distributed these toys: Bonita Marie International Inc., of Manasquan, N.J.; Dillon Importing Co., of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Oriental Trading Co. Inc., of Omaha, Neb.; Play By Play Toys & Novelties Inc., of San Antonio, Texas; Rhode Island Novelty, of Johnston, R.I.; Sherman Specialty Co. Inc., of Merrick, N.Y.; Toy Investment Inc., of Kent, Wash.; and U.S. Toy Co. Inc., of Grandview, Mo. The vinyl Zapper toys are about 2- to 3-inches long, and come in 12 different styles: smiley face, globe with glasses, troll, bumble bee, lion, bear, tiger, raspberry face, fish, frog, snake, and lizard. When the toy is squeezed, the balloon tongue attached to its mouth inflates or rolls out. "CHINA" or "MADE IN CHINA" is molded into the toy. Toy stores, doctor and dentist offices, and carnivals and circuses sold and distributed these toys from October 1998 through March 2001. They were sold for about \$1.

**Problem:** The balloon tongues and the cylinders holding the tongues on these toys can detach, posing a choking and aspiration hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately take these toys away from young children and take them back to where they were purchased for a refund, or throw them away. If consumers have questions, call CPSC at (800) 638- 2772 anytime.

- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtm01/01110.html>

**Release Number:** 01-113 The Gymboree Corp. (Gymboree®), of Burlingame, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 125,000 children's fleece pants. The recalled pants have blue, gray, red, or green pant legs, with stitching around the knees. The pants have a gray elastic waistband and black elastic drawcord that hold up the children's pants. The drawcord is secured in place with two plastic cord locks. A label on the back pocket says "Gymboree," and the care label inside the pants says "Made in Indonesia" and "2000 Gymboree." The fleece pants were sold in sizes 0-3T. Gymboree's website and stores nationwide



sold these pants from September 2000 through February 2001 for about \$15.

**Problem:** The cord locks on the pants can break off, posing a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should take these pants away from children immediately and return them to any Gymboree store for a full refund. For more information, call Gymboree toll-free at (800) 222-7758 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or log on to the company's website at [www.gymboree.com](http://www.gymboree.com).

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<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtm01/01113.html>

**Release Number:** 01-115 Fisher-Price, of East Aurora, N.Y., is recalling about 20,000 infant and toddler Intelli-Table toys for repair. The Intelli-Table is a round, plastic activity table with a blue, removable top that uses three interchangeable play rings to help children learn numbers, music, and games. The toy is intended for children ages nine to 36 months. The base of the Intelli-Table is red with three legs that are blue, yellow and teal green. The play rings are colored white, yellow and teal green. The red knobs on the yellow ring and white ring can break off. The toy has a Fisher-Price logo on the blue removable top; and has the model number, 77148, and the words, "Mattel, Inc." and "China," molded into the bottom of the red base. Only models manufactured from September 25, 2000 through October 7, 2000 are being recalled. The recalled models have a date code from 269(0) through 281(0) molded into the underside of the blue, removable top. Toy, mass merchandise and discount stores sold these toys nationwide from October 2000 through March 2001 for about \$70.

**Problem:** Two red knobs on the toy can break off, creating small parts that can pose a choking hazard for young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should take the toys away from young children immediately and contact Fisher-Price toll-free at (800) 220-7137 anytime to order a free repair kit with replacement knobs. The repair kit consists of two replacement knobs with new screws. Consumers can also visit the Fisher-Price web site at [www.fisher-price.com](http://www.fisher-price.com) to determine if their toy is recalled.

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<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtm01/01115.html>

**Release Number:** 01-117 Cosco Inc. (Cosco), of Columbus, Ind., and Safety 1st, of Canton, Mass., are voluntarily recalling about 171,000 bungee baby jumpers and 100,600 baby wipe warmers.

**Cosco Bungee Baby Jumpers** - Only model numbers 04-461 and 04-468 are being recalled. The model number is located on the bottom of the tray. Model number 04-461 is the Bungee Jumper and model 04-468 is the Bungee Combo Pack, which consists of the Bungee Jumper and parts to convert the Bungee Jumper to a stationary exerciser. The Bungee Bouncer Exerciser, is not part of this recall. Both bungee baby jumper models have a multi-colored fabric seat with a white plastic frame with a red foam trim. Three yellow cords connect the seat to a blue plastic strap holder, which says "Cosco." Above the blue plastic strap holder is a thick yellow strap, which connects to a green bungee cord. The bungee cord attaches to a blue door hook. Juvenile product, mass merchandise, discount department and specialty stores nationwide sold the Bungee Baby Jumpers from May 1996 through March 2001 for about \$40 to \$50.

**Problem:** Bungee Baby Jumpers - Metal clasps can detach from the bungee cord, causing the unit to fall to the floor. Babies can suffer injuries from the fall.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using the bungee baby jumpers immediately and contact Cosco at (800) 314-9327 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday to receive a free repair kit. The repair kit also can be ordered through their web site at [www.coscoinc.com](http://www.coscoinc.com).

**Safety 1st Wipe Warmer** - Only model number 26133 manufactured from December 1999 through January 2001 is being recalled. The manufacturing date, a six-digit code (year, month, day), is on the bottom of the unit written below the box containing "CAUTION" items and the model number. A yellow duck and the words "especially for baby" are located on the lower left corner of the unit. The wipe warmer was sold with a diaper organizer that attaches to the bottom of the unit. Toys "R" Us and Babies "R" Us stores nationwide sold the wipe warmers from December 1999 through March 2001 for about \$20.

**Problem:** Cracks in the interior basin of these wipe warmers can allow moisture to contact the electrical components. Consumers touching the wipes could receive an electrical shock.

**What to do:** Consumers should unplug and stop using the wipe warmers immediately and contact Safety 1st to receive a free liner for the interior basin that will prevent cracking. Consumers can contact Safety 1<sup>st</sup> at (800) 964-8489 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or at [www.safety1st.com](http://www.safety1st.com).

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